

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for fast converging an end-to-end service, comprising:

setting routing information of at least two tunnels, by in a double-ascription Provider Edge (PE) of a remote Customer Edge (CE) in the double-ascription PE itself, wherein, an initial node of the tunnels is the double-ascription PE of the remote CE, and a terminal node of the tunnels is the PE which is connected with the remote CE;

detecting, by the double-ascription PE of the remote CE, tunnel states to obtain state information of the at least two tunnels;

~~the double-ascription PE of the remote CE obtaining available routing information according to the tunnel state information and the routing information of the at least two tunnels, and selecting, by the double-ascription PE of the remote CE, one or more~~
available tunnels according to the state of each tunnel from the at least two tunnels; and

forwarding, by the double-ascription PE of the remote CE, service according to the routing information of the available tunnels selected ~~corresponding to the available routing information.~~

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein, the tunnels comprise an inner layer tunnel and an outer layer tunnel; the inner layer tunnel is a Virtual Private Network (VPN) tunnel, while the outer layer tunnel is a Label Switching Path (LSP) tunnel or a Genetic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) tunnel or an Internet Protocol Security (IPSec) tunnel.

3. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein, the step of the setting routing information of at least two tunnels ~~in~~ by a double-ascription PE of a remote CE comprises:

the double-ascription PE of the remote CE setting optimal routing information and suboptimal routing information of the tunnels in a route forwarding table according to pre-configured matching strategies.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein, the procedure of setting a suboptimal routing information in the route forwarding table is:

setting the suboptimal routing information in the forwarding items of the optimal routing information in the route forwarding table.

5. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein, the step of detecting tunnel states to obtain the state information of the tunnel comprises:

when a control layer of the double-ascription PE of the remote CE determines that some changes take place in the state of the outer layer tunnel according to Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) or tunnel fast convergence techniques, [[it]] advertising the available/unavailable state information of the tunnel to the forwarding engine.

6. (Original) The method according to Claim 5, wherein, there is a tunnel state field in the forwarding table of the forwarding engine; and

the step of advertising the available/unavailable state information of the outer layer tunnel to the forwarding engine comprises:

the double-ascription PE of the remote CE advertising the available/unavailable state information of the outer layer tunnel to the route forwarding table of the forwarding engine, and updating the content of state field of the corresponding item.

7. (Original) The method according to Claim 5, wherein, the step of advertising the available/unavailable state information of the outer layer tunnel to the forwarding engine comprises:

the double-ascription PE of the remote CE advertising the available/unavailable state information of the outer layer tunnel to an independent storage unit of the forwarding engine, and updating the state information wherein.

8. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 5, wherein, the tunnels comprise: a primary tunnel and a backup tunnel which are mutual backup tunnels; and

the step of the double-ascription PE of the remote CE ~~obtaining the available-routing information~~ selecting one or more available tunnels according to the state of each tunnel from the at least two tunnels comprises:

when the double-ascription PE of the remote CE needs to forward the service to the remote CE through the primary tunnel, it obtaining and judging the state information of the primary tunnel;

if the primary tunnel is available, the primary tunnel is selected as an available tunnel ~~the double-ascription PE of the remote CE forwarding the service to the remote CE through the primary tunnel;~~

if the primary tunnel is unavailable, ~~forwarding the service to the remote CE through the backup tunnel~~ is selected as an available tunnel.

9. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 8, further comprising: before forwarding the service to the remote CE through the backup tunnel, obtaining the state information of the backup tunnel and confirming that the state information of the backup tunnel is available.

10. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 5, wherein, the at least two tunnels ~~comprises~~ comprise: tunnels which are mutual load sharers; and

the step of the double-ascription PE of the remote CE selecting one or more available tunnels according to the state of each tunnel from the at least two tunnels and forwarding service according to the routing information of the available tunnels selected
~~obtaining available routing information and forwarding the service~~ comprises:

when the double-ascription PE of the remote CE needs to forward the service to the remote CE through the mutual load sharing tunnels, if it is determined that one of the tunnels is unavailable while others are available according to the state information of the mutual load sharing tunnels, it forwards the service to the remote CE through the available tunnel.

11. (Currently amended) A Provider Edge (PE) equipment for fast converging an end-to-end service, comprising: a storage module, a tunnel state detecting module and a forwarding module; wherein,

the PE is a double-ascription PE of a remote Customer Edge (CE);

the storage module is configured to store routing information and tunnel state information of at least two tunnels, whose originate node is ~~[[a]]~~ the double-ascription PE ~~of a remote Customer Edge (CE) itself~~, and whose terminal node is a PE connected with the remote CE respectively, and configured to store tunnel state information of the at least two tunnels; and

the tunnel state detecting module is configured to detect tunnel states of the at least two tunnels and update the tunnel state information stored in the storing module when the tunnel state is changed; and

~~the forwarding module is configured to obtain available routing information according to the routing information and the tunnel state information of the at least two tunnels stored in the storing module, and configured to forward service according to the available routing information.~~ select one or more available tunnels according to the state of each tunnel from the at least two tunnels stored in the storing module and forward service according to the routing information of the available tunnels selected.

12. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 6, wherein, the tunnels comprise: a primary tunnel and a backup tunnel which are mutual backup tunnels; and

the step of the double-ascription PE of the remote CE ~~obtaining the available routing information~~ selecting one or more available tunnels according to the state of each tunnel from the at least two tunnels comprises:

when the double-ascription PE of the remote CE needs to forward the service to the remote CE through the primary tunnel, it obtaining and judging the state information of the primary tunnel;

if the primary tunnel is available, the primary tunnel is selected as an available tunnel ~~the double-ascription PE of the remote CE forwarding the service to the remote CE through the primary tunnel;~~

if the primary tunnel is unavailable, ~~forwarding the service to the remote CE~~
through the backup tunnel is selected as an available tunnel.

13. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 7, wherein, the tunnels
comprise: a primary tunnel and a backup tunnel which are mutual backup tunnels; and

the step of the double-ascription PE of the remote CE ~~obtaining the available~~
~~routing information~~ selecting one or more available tunnels according to the state of
each tunnel from the at least two tunnels comprises:

when the double-ascription PE of the remote CE needs to forward the service to
the remote CE through the primary tunnel, it obtaining and judging the state information
of the primary tunnel;

if the primary tunnel is available, the primary tunnel is selected as an available
tunnel ~~the double-ascription PE of the remote CE forwarding the service to the remote~~
~~CE through the primary tunnel;~~

if the primary tunnel is unavailable, ~~forwarding the service to the remote CE~~
through the backup tunnel is selected as an available tunnel.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 6, further
comprising: before forwarding the service to the remote CE through the backup tunnel,

obtaining the state information of the backup tunnel and confirming that the state information of the backup tunnel is available.

15. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 7, further comprising: before forwarding the service to the remote CE through the backup tunnel, obtaining the state information of the backup tunnel and confirming that the state information of the backup tunnel is available.

16. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 6, wherein, the at least two tunnels comprises: tunnels which are mutual load sharers; and

the step of the double-ascription PE of the remote CE selecting one or more available tunnels according to the state of each tunnel from the at least two tunnels and forwarding service according to the routing information of the available tunnels selected
~~obtaining available routing information and forwarding the service~~ comprises:

when the double-ascription PE of the remote CE needs to forward the service to the remote CE through the mutual load sharing tunnels, if it is determined that one of the tunnels is unavailable while others are available according to the state information of the mutual load sharing tunnels, it forwards the service to the remote CE through the available tunnel.

17. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 7, wherein, the at least two tunnels ~~comprises~~ comprise: tunnels which are mutual load sharers; and

the step of the double-ascription PE of the remote CE selecting one or more available tunnels according to the state of each tunnel from the at least two tunnels and forwarding service according to the routing information of the available tunnels selected
~~obtaining available routing information and forwarding the service comprises:~~

when the double-ascription PE of the remote CE needs to forward the service to the remote CE through the mutual load sharing tunnels, if it is determined that one of the tunnels is unavailable while others are available according to the state information of the mutual load sharing tunnels, it forwards the service to the remote CE through the available tunnel.